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FROM STRAUSS

FOR EISENSTAT, FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT,
CHRISTOPHER KREPS, BLUMENTHAL, BERGSTON, OWEN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD
SUBJECT: FUEL EFFICIENCY TAX ON AUTOS

1. I UNDERSTAND THAT ON WEDNESDAY A MECHANISM WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR APPLYING FUEL EFFICIENCY REBATES AND PENALTIES TO IMPORTED AUTOMOBILES. I UNDERSTAND PROPOSAL NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION, IT WOULD HAVE SERIOUS ADVERSE TRADE IMPACT ON EUROPE AND JAPAN WHICH WOULD MAKE TV AND SHOE CASES PALE BY COMPARISON.

2. ACTION ALONG THESE LINES WOULD SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE ALL OF OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN COOPERATION TOWARD SUMMIT AND BEYOND ON TRADE ISSUES WHICH I AM NOW SEEKING WITH JAPANESE AND WILL LATER SEEK IN EUROPE. WE WILL HAVE NO CREDITABILITY IF ON ONE LEVEL WE SEEK SUCH COOPERATION TOWARD MANAGING CURRENT CONTENTIOUS TRADE ISSUES WHILE ACTING UNILATERALLY IN A WAY WHICH WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST JAPAN AND EUROPE ON ONE OF THEIR MAJOR EXPORT ITEMS TO THE U.S.

3. I REQUEST THAT ANY DECISION TO PUT THIS PROPOSAL FORWARD TO
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THE CONGRESS BE DELAYED UNTIL MY RETURN TO WASHINGTON MONDAY, APRIL 11.
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